## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the application, please replace the paragraph corresponding to paragraph [0071] of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0145534 (the publication of the present application) with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, the control unit 18 communicates via data bus 56. The data bus 56 can <u>be</u> [[as]] a controller area network (CAN) bus, for example <u>be a CAN 2. OB</u> <u>a CAN 2.0B</u> data bus, or be based on a comparable data bus with similar properties such as a RS485 bus, in order to communicate with other equipment assigned to the liquid system. In this way, the device 10 receives all the necessary status information on the state of the system as data bus messages that are first sent to the control unit 18, that then carries out a processing or conditioning of the received data and/or signals and passes these on to the display unit 14. The display unit 14 then displays the data in almost real time.

Please replace the paragraph corresponding to paragraph [0022] of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0145534 with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the scope of the invention also provides that the control unit in accordance with claim 24 communicates with the liquid system by means of a data bus and, preferably, by means of a Controller Area Network (CAN) bus or a RS485 bus.